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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but irregular in all other areas. Trade sentiment was steady with caution in the Northeast, steady to barely steady in the Midwest, and generally steady elsewhere. Retail demand was irregular with pipelines being filled and needs being assessed following the extended holiday weekend. Food service was moderate to good, best for fast food. Supplies were adequate to closely cleared, but at times ample in the Midwest. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate with supplies mostly sufficient to handle needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed with some weights trending lighter due to recent heat wave in the Northeast.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/05-07/10/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	55.50	55.88	17	59.06	35
Chicago	52.00-55.00	54.80	54	56.80	85
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	62.34	27
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	64.29	14
Denver	65.50	65.43	17	64.77	40
Detroit	52.00-54.00	55.60	15	57.97	44
Los Angeles	66.00	65.04	63	64.21	95
New York	52.00-58.00	55.46	60	58.87	105
Philadelphia	52.00-55.00	53.35	17	54.35	30
Pittsburgh	52.50-54.50	54.45	11	60.81	71
St. Louis	55.00	54.92	17	56.82	40
San Francisco	66.50	65.88	29	70.01	50

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	07/06/99	Change/Last Wk	06/29/99	07/07/98
636	60.87	0.93	59.94	68.77

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	59.00-62.00	59.70	39
Central	58.00-62.50	61.31	59
West	53.00-61.00	60.69	35

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-61.00	60.05	92
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### GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,213	50.00-64.00	60.50

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	163.50	4,143
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	2,257
THIGH MEAT - B/S	68.00	582
LEG QUARTERS	24.00	8,894
WINGS	48.50	3,274

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand after the extended weekend was light to fair with industry assessing needs and watching further market developments. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable but heavier trending weights.

**WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market was steady with majority prices unchanged from last week. Offerings easily adequate. Retailer demand fairly good. Holiday clearances satisfactory. Bone in breasts weak, balance of parts steady. The Los Angeles negotiated wog average was 56.15, up .81 from last week with 22 loads reported, down 15%.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority price into Chicago was unchanged to up 1 cent, into St. Louis increased 1.25 cent, irregular into Detroit and TFEWR into major Ohio cities. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to instances barely steady. Retail demand was fair to good as some areas were affected by high temperatures and humidity. Food service movement was moderate, best into fast food channels. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample on whole birds. Sizes generally desirable. Trade sentiment mostly steady on all parts items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mixed. Offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs, with smaller sizes in the best balance. Retail and distributive movement varied as dealers completed filling the pipelines following the holiday weekend. The market tone was cautiously steady. In the parts market, product was usually adequate to cover most current trade needs.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to mostly fair. Seller offerings were in a range of adequate to closely cleared. Live supplies were about moderate and weights were trending lighter as a result of recent hot and humid weather. Forecasters predict moderating temperatures starting tomorrow. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, all items were adequate for a generally light and selective buying interest which was greatly affected by record setting hot and humid weather conditions.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	55-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.32
NO. OF BOXES	7,315

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot trading was moderate for the weekend. However, product remained available. Offerings for the most part were sufficient for most traders needs. Retail and distributive buyers were cautious as they access further market developments. The market tone remained cautiously steady. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	159.46	358,920
TENDERLOINS	TFEWR	147.59	43,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	75.84	161,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	69.27	193,320
LEGS	30-31	32.94	127,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	24.48	263,307
DRUMSTICKS	17-18	32.40	93,750
THIGHS	44-45	27.40	74,280
B/S THIGHS	70-71	69.09	26,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45	52.00	140,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.95	18,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	24.52	18,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35	37.25	28,000

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

"Effective July 1, breast tenderloins and boneless skinless thigh meat will be included in the daily Northeast Broiler/Fryer Parts reports and on the Friday weekly weighted average price report. Expansion of these reports is in response to changes in marketing of ready-to-cook young chicken parts and meat items"

#### ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	160	155.00-160.00	155-160	157.50
TENDERLOINS	116	150.00-216.00	198	182.51
BREAST - WITH RIBS	360	70.00-72.00	70	70.67
FRONT HALVES	200	61.00-70.00	61	61.01
LEGS	123	32.00-34.00	34	33.95
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	404	21.00-23.00	21-22	21.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,960	18.00-24.00	22.5	22.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	141	39.00-53.00	43-44	42.59
DRUMSTICKS	221	27.00-33.00	27	27.56
THIGHS	82	18.00-21.00	18	18.06

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/06	07/02	07/02	06/29	06/25
ALA	3,871	4,082	5.07	3,804	5.11
ARK	5,652	5,822	5.11	5,050	4.79
DELMARVA	2,278	2,715	4.99	2,441	5.07
KY-LA-TN	1,765	2,461	4.38	1,728	4.59
MISS	3,661	3,500	4.64	2,759	4.97
NC	2,555	3,117	5.42	2,563	5.66
TEXAS	2,091	2,511	4.65	2,077	4.55
TOTAL	21,873	24,208	4.94	20,422	5.00
MON-Tues	31,046 (A)			40,699 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Jul 1999 is estimated to be 32,724,000 up 6.78 percent from a week ago and up 12.72 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,645,000, last year 29,032,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	930	147.00-197.00	150-155	157.32
TENDERLOINS	173	145.00-200.00	-	183.15
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	75.00-79.00	-	78.59
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	580	20.00-23.00	21-22	21.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,580	22.00-26.00	23-24	23.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	218	39.00-49.00	43-46	45.39
WINGS (CUT)	402	55.50-64.00	56-58	57.36
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	59	55.00-69.00	-	58.14

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR JULY 06, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
40.00-48.00	43.44

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION PARTS** PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 07/05-07/09/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	150.00 - 185.00	155.00 -
BREAST - LINE RUN	70.00 - 88.00	72.00 - 73.00
LEGS	32.50 - 38.00	-
LEG QUARTERS	21.00 - 29.00	22.00 - 23.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 30.00	25.00 -
WINGS (WHOLE)	38.00 - 47.00	43.00 - 45.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 40.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-92
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	80-98

FROZEN DUCKS	145-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-88

HENS OVER 5#	83-91
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	359

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-98
	DRY PACK	118
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	108
	ICE PACK	104-110
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	92
DUCKS		149-166

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. July 02, 1999

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.50	16.50-17.00	18.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.42	16.75	18.00	18.00

1,028,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-15.00	-	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.55			17.00

1,096,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-17.00	14.00	12.00-13.50	13.00-16.25
WTD AVERAGE	15.62	14.00	12.92	14.67

3,891,680 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were slow with current production easily providing adequate supplies for needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JUL-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	12-19.5	15-17.5	16.68

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. July 02, 1999

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00-21.00	15.00-17.50	21.00
WTD AVERAGE	-	20.00	16.08	21.00

387,600 pounds, this includes 244,800 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	-	11.00-13.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.00		11.80	14.24

1,836,000 pounds, this includes 367,200 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	14.75
WTD AVERAGE				14.75

163,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Most plants are only working 4 days this week, due to the July 4 holiday. Demand was light for the offerings, which were reported as fully adequate to ample for processors needs. Undertone was unsettled but mostly steady at prevailing price levels.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JUL-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-18.5	15-17	15.67

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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